

THE TRUE DEMOCRAT.

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The kaiser is said to have prepared a speech against France which he has now decided not to deliver; and his subjects are delivered from its delivery, too.

Vegetarianism is all the vogue among those who take thought what they shall eat and what they shall drink. Bridge and boiled cabbage came in together, and who shall say which has the firmer hold upon persons of fashion, asks Sir Herbert Maxwell in The Outlook.

Only the British metropolis now exceeds New York city in point of population, and New York may before many years, advance to the first place. But what shall it profit a city to grow into the most populous municipality the world has ever seen if in the process it loses its own soul—which is civic virtue?

From one point of view, it is of course obvious that the man who can afford to pay \$6000 for a Louis XIV. tapestry can afford to pay \$2000 additional for the privilege of bringing it into his own country. And yet it would be hardly surprising if the gentleman had entertained a passing wish that Louis had lived and reigned in Paris, N. Y.

A cordial welcome must be extended to anything that helps to solve the servant problem, especially in so far as it relates to the kitchen, says the New York Evening Post. Good cooks, always at a premium, are particularly scarce at present, as servants are showing more and more inclination to insist on having the easier upstairs and dining-room work. It is therefore of the utmost importance that the kitchen work should be made easier and pleasanter.

The country's service is more than honorable to the man who performs it. It is valuable to the country that commands it, and it should be paid for at a proper rate and surrounded by the signs of a national appreciation of its worth. The country is rich enough to do its diplomatic work with more liberality. It should not permit its ambassador at the Court of St. James to spend, on its behalf, a large fortune of his own in order that he may preserve the prestige of the United States as a great power, declares the Washington Star.

It is not to be wondered at the editor of Brassey's Naval Annual says, at the end of 1908 the United States will become the second naval power of the world, and the British and United States navies combined would be able to put into line 75 first class battle-ships, as compared with 69 possessed by the other five naval powers. This is a most impressive consideration, thinks the New York Tribune. Its bearing upon the greatness and self-sufficiency of the Anglo-Saxon world is obvious and most gratifying, and we may hope that its significance to the peace and welfare of the entire world may be no less apparent and effective.

General Passenger Agent Lynch of the Big Four Road threw some new light on the question why railroads run a president's special train. "The railroads," he said, "do not carry the president of the United States in a special train over the country for fun, for glory, or for advertising purposes, but because the chief executive may not be carried on a regular train, as it would handicap the general operation of the road and work a hardship on the traveling public. No regular train could possibly adhere to its schedule were the president on board. The fact that he was a passenger could not be kept secret, and at every station and cross roads there would be a crowd demanding to see and hear him make a speech. There would be a delay of ten or fifteen minutes at every station and every other passenger on the train would be greatly inconvenienced. The president's special train inconveniences no one, and the roads would rather go to the expense of running a special train free than subject the traveling public to the annoyances unavoidable if the president were carried on a regular train."

SIX ARRAIGNED FOR MURDERS

Alleged Slayers of Carter Children Placed on Trial at Valdosta.

MOST SENSATIONAL CASE

J. G. Rawlings, His Three Sons and Two Negroes Face Jury-Intense Interest Manifested.

One of the most sensational trials ever held in the southern section of Georgia came up at a special term of the superior court at Valdosta on Monday, Judge Mitchell of Thomasville presiding.

The case is that against Milton, Jesse and Leonard Rawlings, as alleged principals; Alf Moore, colored, as an alleged accessory, and J. G. Rawlings, the father of the boys, as alleged instigators of the crime. Above all these, however, stands J. G. Rawlings, who is charged with being the arch instigator in the murder of Willie and Carrie Carter, 15 and 13-year-old children of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Carter of the Hahira district.

In charging the grand jury Judge Mitchell called attention to the fact that it was the first special term of court ever held in the district. He also spoke in commendation of the law-abiding spirit of the section of the state.

The story of the killing and the facts surrounding it almost stagger human belief. There were many circumstances in the case, it is claimed, that pointed to the Rawlings as the instigators of the crime, even before the statement of the Carters or the confession of Alf Moore had been made.

There had been a feud existing between Rawlings and Carter for a number of years. The bitterness had been inherited by Rawlings' children, and it is charged they did what they could on every occasion to make it unpleasant for the children of Carter.

Both men had been ministers of the gospel, and Carter had been a member of the Methodist conference. Both had very good farms, and Rawlings was considerably above the average farmer in his property holdings.

A brief summary of the tragedy is as follows:

On the night of the 13th of June last, just three days after J. G. Rawlings was put under a peace bond, of \$1,200, on a warrant sworn out by Carter, the dog in Carter's yard began to bark, and his three oldest children, a boy and two girls, started into the yard to look after a sick calf, which they thought was being molested. The father called them back, and the eldest girl returned to the house.

Willie and Carrie ran through the garden gate and around the smoke-house, back toward a crack in the fence, where they expected to go through. As they approached the crack the assassin, standing in the shade of a peach tree, fired upon the boy and then upon the girl. The girl dropped dead, while the boy, after seeing that she was dead, crawled to the house and reported what had happened.

The assassins then remained about the house all night long until nearly day, trying to burn the place and thus destroy the evidences of their crime. Carter, however, had a small rifle and a gun on the inside of the house, and by constantly firing the rifle through the cracks on different sides of the house, kept them from carrying out their purpose. About day his oldest daughter informed neighbors of what had happened and the news of the tragedy spread like wildfire.

The disclosures since then have been startling in the extreme. A dozen people were found, it is claimed, who could testify that Rawlings had tried to employ them to set fire to Carter's house and then kill the family as each member tried to escape.

ONLY WANTED TO SEE A WRECK.

Two Small Boys Under Arrest for Attempt to Derail Passenger Train.

Albert Herfer, 14, and Charles Fee, 11, sons of prominent farmers, two miles east of Lima, Ohio, were arrested Friday by Pennsylvania railroad detectives charged with an attempt to wreck passenger train No. 35. Angle irons were placed on the track, and when the obstruction was hit a brake rod on the engine and two under the coaches were broken, but the train kept on the rails.

"We wanted to see a wreck," was the only explanation given.

SIX SAVED FROM MOB.

Attempt Made to Get at Negroes Held in Montgomery Jail for Assault and Murder of White Woman.

At 10 o'clock Sunday night Governor Jelks at Montgomery received the following telegram from Gadsden, Ala.:

"My jail and prisoners confined therein threatened by mob. Prisoners in jail charged with rape and murder of white woman. Need military assistance. Answer."

The governor immediately wired Captain L. B. Raney, commanding the Gadsden company of the state troops, to place his company at the disposal of the sheriff, and to keep the executive office advised of further developments.

The negroes in the Gadsden jail are: Vance, Gardner, Will Johnson, Ed Johnson, Bunk Richardson, Jell Alford and Fannie Mayo. The victim of the criminal assault and murder, which they are alleged to have committed, was Mrs. S. J. Smith, white, a widow.

The deed was committed Saturday night, but was not discovered until an early hour Sunday morning, when one of the negroes now under arrest, Vance Gardner, reported that he had found the dead body of Mrs. Smith.

Chief of Police White and several officers went at once to the scene, and discovered the nude body of the woman, lying, partially concealed, in some bushes by the roadside, about three-quarters of a mile from Gadsden.

The evidence obtainable shows that Mrs. Smith was attacked on the upper side of the road, and after having been repeatedly assaulted, was dragged by her hair down an embankment, over rocks and stumps into a clump of bushes, where she was left, after efforts had been made to conceal her body. Her shoes and stockings were found nearby, having been torn from her, and her false teeth were found in the road. The woman's neck was broken.

The ground at the scene of the crime showed that the woman had put up a desperate struggle for life and honor and a pair of scissors and a caseknife were close to her body, weapons which she had evidently used against her assailants.

Mrs. Smith was last seen on Saturday night, when she and her two sons attended a show in Gadsden. These boys were said to have been drinking, and she became separated from them. After making inquiries as to their whereabouts without avail, she started home and took a path which was nearer than the usual route, and as she was emerging from the path into the road she was attacked by the men.

Vance Gardner, who claims to have under arrest, and who claims to have discovered the woman's body, says that about midnight Saturday he was passing and was aroused by cries of "Help" and "Murder." Going to the scene he found Mrs. Smith prostrate on the ground, with a negro standing over her and endeavoring to stuff a towel into her mouth. He says that he called to the men to stop, but was told to leave immediately.

A mob of 200 people gathered on Broad street in Gadsden at dark and late Sunday night marched on the jail, demanding that the doors be opened. Sheriff Chandler and Judge J. H. Disque were prepared for them. Company C, with First Lieutenant Brindley in charge, was called out and had picked out immediately. Congressman Burnett and Judge Disque made talks and the mob dispersed, there being less than 100 men present. The mob lacked a leader, which undoubtedly prevented bloodshed.

MAINE SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE.

Seismic Shocks Rattle Things Over Large Portion of the State.

An earthquake shock, affecting a large portion of Maine, occurred at 5:10 a. m., Saturday, and was noticeable for about ten seconds. The trembling awoke many people from sound sleep. It was reported from Bangor to Kittery, and from above Farmington to the coast at Rockland.

THIRTEEN PEOPLE SUCCUMB TO HEAT.

Death List in New York Thursday Was the Unlucky Number.

Thirteen deaths attributed to the hot weather were recorded in New York city Thursday. In addition a score or more of persons were overcome by the heat and are under treatment in the city hospitals.

The high humidity and the continuance throughout the night of temperatures varying only slightly from those of the hottest hours of the day, have caused the heavy fatality attending the present hot spell in the city.

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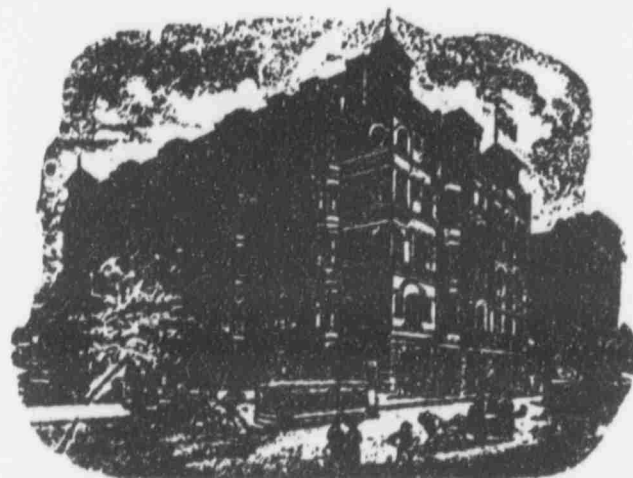
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12:25p	12:55p	12:10a	9:25p	7:23a	6:30a
2:55p	3:23p	7:23a	12:12a	2:35a	1:45p
5:07p	5:25p	9:42a	2:37a	4:21a	11:17p
7:25p	10:50a	4:30a	Lv Wash'ton Ar.	11:50p	8:36p
11:00p	2:20p	9:10a	Lv Richmond Ar	5:30p	4:55p
11:40p	2:57p	10:02a	Lv Pet'sburg Ar.	4:42p	4:09p
1:45a	5:10p	12:45p	Ar Norfolk Lv	2:10p	1:40p
33	41		38	32	
Daily	Daily		Daily	Daily	
9:30p		9:25a	Lv Portsmouth Ar	5:30p	7:50a
10:02p		9:54a	Lv Suffolk Ar.	4:54p	7:13a
1:20a		1:20p	Ar Norfolk Lv.	1:40p	3:30a
1:57a	5:13p	1:40p	Lv Norfolk Ar.	1:15p	1:35p
2:25a	5:37p	2:10p	Lv Henderson Ar.	12:37p	1:10p
9:00a		4:10p	Ar Durham Ar.	10:05a	6:00p
4:15a	7:00p	4:00p	Lv Raleigh Ar.	11:00a	11:50a
6:20a	8:55p	6:16p	Lv So Pines Ar.	8:30a	9:45a
7:15a	9:55p	7:30p	Ar Hamlet Ar.	7:30a	8:50a
53	7:35a	10:15p	Lv Hamlet Ar	7:10a	10:00p
Daily	9:10a	11:55p	Ar Monroe Lv	5:40a	8:35p
10:30a	12:01a		Ar Monroe Lv	5:35a	8:30p
2:53p	11:47a	2:45a	Ar Chester Lv	4:06a	7:14p
3:41p	12:33p	3:35a	Ar Clinton Lv	2:45a	6:00p
4:08p	12:57p	4:02a	Ar Greenwood Lv	1:56a	5:16p
4:45p	1:25p	4:32a	Ar Abbeville Ar	1:33a	4:50p
5:23p	1:52p	5:05a	Ar Cal Falls Ar	1:00a	4:21p
6:35p	2:50p	6:08a	Ar Elberton Ar	12:28a	3:55p
7:20p	3:26p	6:46a	Ar Athens Ar	11:23p	2:57p
7:55p	3:55p	7:20a	Ar Winzer Ar	10:43p	2:23p
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